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MARYLAND K-12 ONLINE

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What is the purpose of mdk12online.org?

The web site at www.mdk12online.org is part of the Maryland State Department of Education's plan to bring Internet-based learning, including credit courses, to students and teachers around the state. The web site provides information about using online courses for students and staff in Maryland public education K-12. Local school systems use the site to receive information, advice, support, and resource information about web-delivered courses. MSDE provides leadership and coordination in the effort to make courses and a variety of educational tools available via the worldwide web.

What information is available on the site?

The site includes the following information:
- An introduction to the project and its mission
- An overview of distance learning and related links
- Guidelines for local school systems or schools to consider in planning for, implementing, and evaluating distance learning initiatives
- Available online courses for student and the URL of the provider
- Summaries of the reviews of the courses that MSDE has reviewed in collaboration with teachers from local school systems.

Who can benefit from information provided on this site?

Anyone interested in using online courses with students or staff can benefit from the information available on this site. This includes staff members from schools and school systems, students, parents, and course providers.

How can I learn more about the project?

For more information, contact the Coordinator for Web-based Learning Initiative, Maryland State Department of Education, at 410-767-0734.